# CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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| **Title of publication:** | 194 - screen shot |
| **Other known title(s):** | Not stated |
| **OFLC ref:** | 1900176.007 |
| **Medium:** | Image File |
| **Publisher:** | Not stated |
| **Country of origin:** | Not stated |
| **Language:** | Not applicable |
| **Applicant:** | Commissioner of Police |
| **Classification:** | Objectionable. |
| **Descriptive note:** | None |
| **Display conditions:** | None |
| **Date of entry in Register:** | 26 July 2019 |
| **Date of direction to issue a label:** | No direction to issue a label has been issued |
| **Date of notice of decision:** | 26 July 2019 |

**Summary of reasons for decision:**

The file is a close-up photograph of a young boy performing a sexual act on himself. It is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image is clearly intended for the arousal of those with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest. This image could also be used to groom children for sexual exploitation. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from such exploitation.